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STRIFE IMPENDS AT DEMOCRATIC **POW WOW HERE**

Battle Assured Over Head of Convention Arrangements Committee.

TENNESSEE TIFF MUST BE SETTLED

Presidential Boomlets Galore Also Will Command Attention of Party Men.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

Something doing every minute; not a dull instant; a candidate on every corner, and a potential riot in every

That's the unofficial forecast for the three or four days of Democratic national politics that now impend, incident to the meeting of the national committee.

There's the fight for the convention's location, which is getting more than animated; then there comes the row over the chairmanship of the committee on arrangements, in which the clover hoof has been discovered by saplent persons who report that the tory element is trying to give that potent job to Tom Taggart, chief engineer of the famous Indiana steam roller.

Taggart Opposed.

If Taggart gets the job it will be over the prostrate bodies of the progressives so the progressives allege. They insist that Tom, while claiming to be for Marshall, the favorite son of has State, is in fact for anybody to beat progressive control. He's alleged to be a part of the Charley Murphytoger Sullivan-TomTaggart triumvir ate to get Harmon or some other con-servative nominated, and they charge that if he gets the chairmanship of the committee on arrangements, he will have the convention packed so that nobody less than Bryan will be able to get a hearing when he lifts up his John H. Staab Gives Up to Miss Francesca Butler Swalvoice for real Democracy and the rule

Then there must be noted the de-velopments in that Tennessee feud between Mountcastle and Vertrees, for the State's place on the national committee. There was talk of compromise yesterday; but when the Vertrees peo ple got on the ground today, and the castle followers appeared in force, there was more to justify expectation of a riot call,

Scout Compromise. "Compromise?" sniffed the Mount-"Compromise? accept that fact, it will just naturally tried to swallow the contents. be tying up the Tennessee electoral vote in a neat package and handing it over

sylvania is enough of a humorist to talk about "tying up the Pennsylvania electoral vote in a bundle and expressing it prepaid to the Republican organisation." Pennsylvania doesn't get much rating as a doubtful State: but it has a whole cord of votes in the nominating convention, and its factions are making perfectly clear that they intend to stick to their rights.

The Henderson, colored, became hysterical, and was thrown into convention and was taken to the Homeopathic Hospital in the police patrol.

Both women have recovered. William Prince struck the bottle of iodine from his wife's hands. She succeeded in swallowing scarcely any of it, although a purple stain re-

Presidential Booms.

Then there are the Presidential booms and boomlets, coming by early trains and being arranged for ready reference easy inspection. No end of planning and plotting already is afoot, and every move, from the balloting over the convention city to the selection of the arrangements committee, will have its relation to the fortunes of Wilson, Har-mon, Clark, Bryan, Underwood, and the

rest of them.

Speaking of the rest of them recalls that the Hon. 'Gene Foss is among those present—in spirit. He seems to be a good deal present, too. The amount of conversation about him as an avail-(Continued on Second Page.)

WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT. Increasing cloudiness, followed by now late tonight and Sunday: not quite so cold tonight. Lowest temperature to-night about 14 degrees.

TEMPERATURES.	
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9 a. m	8 9 a. m
10 a. in	10 10 a. m
1 a. m	11 11 a. m
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1 p. m	13 1 p. m
2 p. m	13 2 p. m

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 9:27 s. m. and 9:46 p. m.; low tide, 3:36 a. m. and 3:46 p. m.

Tomorrow—High tide, 19:20 a. m. and 19:40 p. m.; low tide, 4:27 a. m. and 4:13

Sun rises...... 7:19 | Sun sets......

Took Poison by Mistake



MISS FRANCESCA BUTLER, Washington Society Girl, Dies on Eve of Return From Philippines.

ONE SUCCEEDS IN WIFE FAILS IN ACT

Despondency-Mrs. Prince Drinks Iodine.

One man ended his life this morning while in a fit of despondency, while a woman tried to take her life by drink. ing polson in the presence of her hus-

The man was John H. Staab, a former soldier, who was found dying by one of his roommates in a toarding house There in the southwest section of the city. sin't anything to compromise, and if The woman is Mrs. Florence Prince, of there was we wouldn't compromise it. 452 K street northwest, who went to Mountcastle is national committeeman, her husband's office at 433 K street, and if the national organization doesn't placed a vial of iodine to her lips, and

Husband Prevents

in a neat package and handing it over the the Republicans. Do you get that?"

"Compromise?" echoed the Vertrees people. "We don't know any such word. There isn't any room for it in the bright lexicon of the present Tennessee situation. Nothing doing. Vertrees is the national committeeman, and he's going ot be recognized as such. Anybody else that gets it will take it over our defil bodies."

They aren't using such strong language in connection with the discussions of the Pennsylvania contest between palmer and Guffey, but don't imagine for an instant that they don't mean business. Of course, nobody from Pennsylvania is enough of a humorist to talk about "tying up the Pennsylvania elec-

of it, although a purple stain re-mained on the left side of her face (Continued on Third Page.)

ADVERSE REPORT ON ANTI-PUBLICITY BILL

Commissioners Not in Favor of Works Bill to Restrict

Crime News.

Chairman Gallinger of the Senate District Committee has received the report of the Commissioners on the Works bill making it unlawful to

"While there are doubtless instances in which the details of crime are the basis of injudicious and harmful newspaper statements, the publicity given by the press generally tends to lessen evil conditions and thus renders a useful public service," say the Commissioners.

The Commissioners hold that the dread of publicity has a deterrent influence on those disposed to crime.

Reasonable surveillance of such publications might be desirable, the Commissioners say.

WASHINGTON BELLE,

Temperature Scheduled to Drop Several Degrees in Capital.

MUCH SUFFERING ALREADY IN CITY

Children of Washington See Bright Side in Skating Prospects. Coldest Spell in Years.

With the city already experiencing cold wave that for length and intensity has been equaled less than half a dozen times in the Weather Bureau records since 1872; with suffering already so widespread that facilities of the Associated Charities and other charity organizations are being taxed, the Weather Bureau this afternoon predicted a heavy snow for tonight and tomorrow, which will be followed by another drop in temperature, lower than that which has prevailed for the last twenty-four hours.

This snow and the cold wave yet to come threaten widespread suffering, such as has seldom been recorded in the National Capital. Hundreds of men employed out of doors are being thrown out of work and their call for aid is being added to the scores already on the lists of the Associated Charities.

Its Marked Endurance.

The phenomenal thing about the present cold spell is its endurance through-out the day time. Although the mini-mum temperature for nights has sev-eral times in the last ten years gone below that of last night, not since February II, 1888, has the thermometer remained so low during the daytime

remained so low during the daytime from sunrise to sunset as on yesterday and today.

This morning the Weather Bureau thermometer, invariably conservative as to heat and cold, registered 6 degrees above zero. Downtown thermometers registered 2 and 3 degrees above zero when the sun rose.

The highest point yet reached today at the Weather Bureau was 12 degrees at 1 o'cicck. Until noon the mercury hovered about 10 degrees.

Today the Municipal Lodging House, the Gospel Mission, and the Central Union Mission, were taxed to their capacity.

RICHESON CONFESSES HE POISONED AVIS LINNELL



THE REV. C. V. T. RICHESON, Who Confesses to Having Caused the Death of Avis Linnell.

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In Letter to His Lawyer He Makes Clean Breast of Crime.

HOPES GOD WILL **EXTEND HIM MERCY**

Mind Almost Broken by Terrific Strain Since His Attempt at Suicide.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 6 .- That he was responsible for the death of Avis Linnell, was the confession made this afternoon by the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, the young minister who has been in the local jail for several weeks on the charge of murder.

His attorneys said that he had made a complete breast of the murder of the young girl, whom he poisoned in order that he might get her out of the way so that he would be free to marry Violet Edmands, the young Brookline heiress.

Ever since he made the sensational attempt to mutilate himself, as the result of which a serious operation had to be performed by the doctors. the minister has been in a state of hear collapse. Yesterday it was stated that he was raving in his cell and that his mind was plainly giving way under the strain.

Confesses In Letter.

letter written by the minister to his attorney, in which he recites the story of his crime. The text of the

"John L. Lee, Esq.,
"William A. Morse, Esq.,
"Philip R. Dunbar, Esq.,
"Pentlemen: Deeply penitent for
my sin and earnestly desiring, as
far as lies in my power to make
atonement, I hereby confess that I
am guilty of the offense for which
I stand indicted.
"I am moved to this course by
no inducement of benefit or leniency."

ency.

"Heinous as is my crime, God has not fully abandoned me, but my conscience will not admit of further anguish.

"I recognize that there is still by the mercy of the Master, some remnant of the divine spark of goodness still lingering within me.

"I will not admit of my still further wrongdoing, by a public trial, her whose pure young life I have destroyed.

"Under the lashings of remorse, I have suffered and am suffering tortures of damnation. In this I find a measure of comfort.

"I wish to live only because within some prison walls I might, in some small measure, redeem my sinful past, help some other despairing soul, and at last find favor with my God.

"You are instructed to deliver this

my God.

"You are instructed to deliver this to the district attorney or to the judge of the court.

"Sincerely yours,"

"CLARENCE V. T. RICHESON."

His mind breaking under the strain of the nighmare that filled his waking time, and made horrible his sleeping hours. Richeson confessed yesterday after a long conference with his law-

yers.

Through the long hours of the night these lawyers pleaded with District Attorney Pelletier for leniency for the minister.

Pelletier was obdurate. He held out for the chair. Without hope of life, Richeson gave in, and at 1:12 this afternoon his lawyers made public his story of murder and lust.

"Suicide Is Confession." When Richeson mutilated himself

in his cell in the Charles street jail there was repeated all over Boston Mexico became a State, and one more Daniel Webster's famous statement; "There is no secape from confession but suicide, and suicide is confession:" And so, since the attempt, Boston Territory to the sisterhood of States. has been waiting for the young divine This act at once placed in motion the to confess orally what his suicide attempt convinced them he had done. The crime, with the persons involved and the unique setting, has become one of the most famous in New England's criminal annals. Clarence Virgil Thompson Richeson, Virginian, was pastor of the Baptist (Continued on Fifth Page.)

IN CONGRESS TODAY

finishing touches on its report.

HOUSE.

Senate not in session until Monday. District Commissioners' report to Sen ate District Committee against Works bill to prevent publication of accounts National Monetary Commission put in

House was not in session today. Democrats of the House will caucus this afternoon

House will meet tomorrow at muon to eulogize the memory of the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins.

fantry will make up the first expedition, although 3.500 more can be sent if conditions warrant it.

his first vote for the Executive.

ty-two years of age, and just a bit more must expect temperatures of from 25 than two feet high, called upon Mr. to 35 during the next forty-eight hours; Taft this morning and promised to cast 20 to 30 to the West; 20 to the South-

works bill making it unlawful to publish the details of crimes and accidents in the District. The Commissioners report against the bill and hold that legislation of this nature is unwise.

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to 35 during the next forty-eight hours; 20 to 30 to the West; 20 to the Southwest, and 10 to 15 to the South and East.